## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY



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## Situation Report Excessive Heat and Wind Storm

August 14, 2007, 11am Updates are in Bold Faced Type

#### **SUMMARY**

Officials continue to monitor impacts from excessive heat that has affected the state since the beginning of the month. **Authorities report seven potential heat-related deaths statewide.** National Weather Services forecasts indicate extreme heat will continue through Wednesday, and possibly for the rest of the week.

A storm tore through northeast Missouri late Sunday and early Monday, causing high winds that damaged trees and knocked down power lines. Significant power outages were reported in Columbia, Jefferson City and east to the St. Louis area. There have been no reports of deaths due to the wind storm, but a woman was injured in the St Louis area when she was struck by a falling tree limb. **Utility officials expect all customers who lost power because of the storm should have service restored today.** 

#### **County Reports**

**Boone County**—Officials report 28 homes without power in Columbia, and another 180 homes without power in other parts of the county.

**Jackson County**—Officials report two deaths have been caused by extreme heat.. **Additional deaths are being investigated.** 

**Lincoln County**—Officials report one home with damage near Winfield.

Marion County—Officials report a power lines were knocked down, but otherwise there was no major damage.

Newton County—Officials are investigating the death of a farmer who collapsed while going for help after his tractor broke down. Excessive heat is believed to be a factor.

St Charles County—Officials report roof damage on a car dealership.

**St. Louis County—Officials report three people have died from the excessive heat.** Most of the wind damages affected the northern parts of the St. Louis Metro area. A woman was injured in the City of St John when a tree fell on her. Hazelwood School District closed all schools due to power outages

**Scotland County**—Officials report a 68-year-old woman passed away in her home; coroner is looking at extreme heat as a contributing factor.

## **Utility Reports**

Ameren UE reported that 300 homes were still without power as a result of the windstorms. This was down from 63,000 that they had previously reported early Monday. Ameren UE expects all power to be restored to those customers later today. More than 600 linemen assisted on the restoration effort, including Ameren crews from Illinois.

## **State and Local Actions**

**State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA)** continues to monitor the situation and coordinate response efforts among state and volunteer agencies.

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Office of Administration (OA) has opened cooling centers in some office buildings around the state.

Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) has issued a waiver of certain state and federal regulations for carriers who are involved in emergency relief efforts.

## **Volunteer Agency Actions**

The United Way of Greater St. Louis has activated Operation Weather Survival (OWS). OWS is the heat emergency plan for the greater St. Louis metropolitan area. The United Way of Greater St. Louis is the lead agency coordinating with its many partner agencies to support OWS. A list of cooling sites in the St. Louis area can be found at:

http://www.stl.unitedway.org/NewsStories/default.aspx?id=2592

United Way of Greater Kansas City 211 are coordinating relief efforts in and around Kansas City which include Salvation Army handing out water and sports drinks. Salvation Army is also operating cooling stations to assist the Kansas City effort.

#### Weather

National Weather Service (NWS) has issued an excessive heat warning until 7pm on Wednesday for most of the state. Highs are expected to reach 100, with heat indices approaching 110 both days. Hot weather may also extend into Thursday, with slightly cooler temperatures (90s) moving into the area by the weekend.

## **Point of Contact:**

The State Emergency Management Agency can be contacted at 573-526-9100 from 730am-430pm, Mon-Fri. After hours emergency calls can be made to the SEMA Duty Officer at 573-751-2748.